

School Snippets

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Happy Monday to you all.

Attendance Winners

House Team Winner: Aire

Last Week's Class Winner: Willow
Individual 100% Raffle: Grace H

Whole School since start of
academic year (96% expected) =
95.05%
Whole School last week = 96.67%

Dates to remember...

Parent's Evening

Our next parent's evenings will be on
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th
February. The booking system will go
'live' at 3.00pm today (Monday 27th
January).

PE & Sport

Last week we enjoyed welcoming Ian from Leeds Rhinos, who talked to the children about 'Teamwork and Inclusivity'.

The children were really engaged and we will be focusing on these aspects, not just in PE & sport, but in everything we do.

Don't forget about the special ticket offer available to us to see Leeds Rhinos v Castleford Tigers on Sunday 2nd March (information sent last week with Parent mail).

This is a great opportunity to see a live match at a very reasonable price.

We were also lucky to be able to work with Charlotte Alice – Dance & Cheer. The children worked hard with Charlotte, creating dance class routines.

I am hoping that Charlotte will be able to deliver an after-school club in the future (funded using our PE & Sports Premium) – watch this space ...

Charlotte also runs Dance & Cheerleading classes in Cliffe. For more information visit charlottealicedance.co.uk

Our curriculum
drivers are:

C

Community

A

Aspiration

R

Resilience

E

Empathy

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Mon 27th Jan 2025



Policies

Our revised and updated Behaviour Policy & Attendance Policy is now available on our website.

Following DFE guidance, the attendance policy has undergone several changes.

Below are extracts that are particularly important:

- Parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they receive efficient full-time education
- The school will monitor attendance regularly. Where attendance falls below 90%, it is classed as persistent absence. In these cases, parents will be informed in the first instance using the letters provided by NYC. Attendance will be monitored and appropriate steps taken should attendance continue to be below 90%. This may be a follow up letter or a face to face meeting.
- If a child of compulsory school age fails to attend regularly at a school at which they are registered or at a place where alternative provision is provided for them the parents may be guilty of an offence and can be prosecuted by the local authority. The decision to prosecute rests solely with the Local Authority
- Any parents or carers wanting to request to take their children out of school during term time should, where possible, make an appointment with the Head teacher to discuss the request in the first instance.
- Each leave application is considered individually by the school taking into account any factors presented by the family.
- The decision of the Headteacher is, however, final.
- Where a child is taken out of school for the purpose of leave of absence in term time without the permission of the school, the absence will be coded as unauthorised and as such may result in a Penalty Notice.
- It is important that pupils are punctual and arrive prepared for the day's learning.
- The school regards lateness as arriving more than 5 minutes after the recognised school starting time. Registers will be closed after 15 minutes.
- School's official starting time is 8:45am. Children should be lined up at their designated point on the playground by 8.45. Parents are politely asked to leave promptly so that classes can enter school promptly for registration and for learning to begin. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please make an appointment or speak to the Head teacher who is available at the start of the day. The Head teacher will pass on any messages as appropriate.
- It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to inform school of the reason for a child's absence. Parents/carers are asked to inform the school office by 8.30am on each day (or the first day, when the child will be away for several days) a child is unwell and will not be attending school.
- If parents do not contact school on the first day of their child's absence, the office staff will contact parents to ascertain reasons for the absence and offer advice and support where appropriate. It is important that contact with parents is made on the first day of absence to ensure that parents are aware that their children have not arrived at school that day.
- On day two or three of an absence, a home visit may be conducted by members of school staff. This is so we can offer any support and guidance to families during the child's period of absence. If for any reason (other than a justifiable medical reason, such as the child being in hospital or the parent/carer providing a verifiable doctor's certificate that the child cannot be seen) we are not allowed to see the pupil, then this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and advice may be sought from the authority.
- It is crucial that parents adhere to this procedure to ensure that all pupils are safe and their whereabouts are accounted for.
- Only the school, within the context of the law, can approve absence, not parents. The fact that a parent has offered a note or other notification (telephone call or personal contact) in relation to a particular absence does not, in itself, oblige the school to accept it if the school does not accept the explanation offered as a valid reason for absence. If, after further investigation, doubt remains about the explanation offered – or where no explanation is forthcoming at all the absence will be treated as unauthorised.

Bingo Night

Bingo Night was a great success. Thank you to all those who came and to the staff for coming along too.

We raised £90

Volunteers Needed!



I would like to begin holding regular coffee mornings here at school. When we have held them previously, they have proved very popular.

They would be a lovely way for parents to have a chat (in the warm!) and also invite and welcome other members of the community into our school.

If you would be able to assist us organizing and running coffee mornings, your help would be much appreciated.

Please let Mrs Chappell know if you are able to help. This would not involve a huge commitment (once a month/ half-term).

Many thanks.

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